



Ourada's Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team

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Twitchell Canyon Fire Update September 10, 2010

The Twitchell Canyon Fire grew minimally on Thursday and is now 10,871 acres and is 5 percent contained. Strong, gusty winds buffeted the fire area again yesterday, but containment lines continued to hold. Warmer and drier conditions are expected to begin today and remain into next week.

At this time, six Hot Shot crews, one Initial Attack handcrew, five helicopters, and two fire engines are assigned to the fire. Managers anticipate another six miles of fireline will be built by firefighters, most of which will be in the northeastern portion of the fire perimeter. Personnel are using a chipper to get rid of fuel that has been thinned to slow fire activity along the western flank. A portable fire retardant tank was set up yesterday morning that allows helicopters to drop the fire-suppressing mixture on the fire.

This morning some of the road closures within the Piute Trail System were lifted. Max Reid Trail, Dry Wash, Deer Creek, Beaver Creek, and Poison Creek Roads are now open. The following road closures remain in effect to provide for public and firefighter safety:

- Forest Road 119 Indian Creek Road at Pole Creek Junction (Forest Road 589).
- Forest Road 114 Shingle Creek Road intersection with the Paiute Trail Mud Flat Road (Forest Road 583).
- Forest Road 113 Mill Creek Road (Kimberly) from Mud Springs (junction of Forest Road 116 Sevier Canyon Road) to Kimberly Junction, where it meets the Max Reid Trail.

Communities in the Sevier Valley may still be impacted by smoke as firefighters continue to work on the fire. Morning inversions remain a possibility.

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